

According to the teachings of the Bible, God is Triune. "Triune" means three in unity. It comes from two Latin words meaning three and one. Jehovah God revealed Himself under the distinct and co-equal Persons of The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.

**Biblical Trinity** – One God subsisting in three Divine Persons: The Father, The Word (Son), and the Holy Spirit.

**Key verse: 1 John 5:7** "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

**Deuteronomy 6:4** "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:" – We believe that there is only one God. The expression Lord written in all caps ("LORD") is the KJB English rendering of God's most personal name Jehovah. We do not believe that there are three Gods (or gods).

**John 10:30** "I and my Father are one." – "are" is a plural verb, and "one" is in reference to the essence of God. The Lord Jesus is saying that He and His Father is one God. In this verse, two persons are one God. Not two Gods (gods), and not one person. This is something that must be received by faith. We do not receive Biblical truths because we understand it logically. We are not illogical nor irrational. We do not elevate human logic over/against faith. Faith is supra-rational. Question: Can man fully explain or describe God? (John 1:1 presents the same truth: two persons (distinction) yet divine equality).

**1 John 5:7** "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." – "are" is a plural verb, and "one" is in reference to the essence of God. Here there are the three Persons revealed as one God. This verse is severely under attack. Question: Does this verse belong in the Bible? Modern translations deny the validity of this verse. Cults who deny the Trinity worship a different God.

**Isaiah 48:16-17** "Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the **Lord GOD**, and his **Spirit**, hath sent **me**. (v.17) Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go." – The "me" in v.16, is the "I am the LORD thy God" in v.17. – Three distinct persons are emphasized. "**Lord GOD**" (Adonai Jehovah, **The Father**); and "**LORD God**" (Jehovah Elohim, **The Son**). The Spirit, of course is the Holy Spirit. (see, for example Isaiah 6:1 and Luke 4:17-18).

**Matthew 3:16-17** "And **Jesus**, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: (v.17) And lo a **voice** from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. – The Triune God was manifested at the Baptism of Jesus.

**2 Corinthians 13:14** "The grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and the love of **God**, and the communion of the **Holy Ghost**, be with you all. Amen." – God here is presumed to be God the Father. Here again are the three Persons of the Trinity mentioned.

Within the Trinity is an order (The Father is of none, the Son is eternally begotten of the Father but not created nor made, the Holy Spirit is eternally proceeding or sent by the Father and the Son), but these relate to the functions of each Persons but it does not relate to their Divine essence. They are co-equal in Divine essence and distinct in each respective Persons. Again, though we may not comprehend God in His fullness, we receive the truths that He has revealed about Himself, in His word, by faith.